



THE CARMELITE

Parish of Port Melbourne and Middle Park
in the care of the Carmelites since 1882

*We acknowledge the Yaluk-ut Weelam Clan, the traditional owners and custodians of this land. We pay our respects to them.
May we walk gently here.*

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - 8 September 2024

Dear sisters and brothers,

1st Eucharist at OLMC

At the 10:30am Mass at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church this Sunday, we will present and welcome to the community 7 young people who, supported by their parents, will commit to growing in their love and understanding of the Eucharist in their lives. The following Sunday, 15 September, again at the 10:30am Mass at OLMC, these young people will receive the Eucharist for the first time. Please welcome them warmly, celebrate with them heartily and support them with your prayers.

New Altar Cloth at OLMC

Many thanks to Sally Diserio who has generously provided a beautiful new green altar cloth for "Ordinary Time" at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. This is yet another contribution Sally has made to the liturgical adornments at OLMC over very many years. We are very grateful.

Gardens at OLMC and St Joseph's

I hope you notice and appreciate the substantial work that has been carried out around both churches and their associated grounds in bringing the gardens back to good shape. This has involved substantial cost which has been contributed to very generously by 3 parishioners who wish to remain anonymous. There is still a considerable amount of work to do around the hall and car park at St Joseph's to complete the project, but this should happen in the coming week.

Now that the gardens are "under control", I'm wondering if any parishioners would be willing to look after a small section each at either church in order to keep them that way. Any assistance in this regard would be greatly appreciated and help to contain future gardening costs. **If you can assist, please contact Cathy at the Parish Office** (9681 9600; Cathy@sj-mc.org.au).

I take this opportunity, too, to acknowledge the great work that Maree Chalmers does in caring for the beautiful rose gardens at both OLMC and St Joseph's.

New Sign at St Joseph's

Through the generosity of a parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous, a very attractive new sign has been erected in front of St Joseph's Church in Rouse St (see photo on page 14). The nature of our Church might seem obvious ***Continued on pg 4***
Both our Churches are fitted with a hearing induction loop. Please use the 'T' or other appropriate switch on your hearing aid. Please tell us if you experience any difficulty.

OUR PARISH

Churches

St Joseph's
cnr Rouse & Stokes Streets
Port Melbourne

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
cnr Richardson & Wright Streets
Middle Park

Sunday Masses

5.00pm (Sat) Mount Carmel
9.00am Saint Joseph's
10.30am Mount Carmel

Reconciliation

after 9.00am Mass Saturday

Carmelite Parish Office

274 Rouse Street
Port Melbourne Vic 3207

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After Hours Phone Number
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Email parish@sj-mc.org.au

Parish Website www.sj-mc.org.au

Carmelite Website
www.carmelites.org.au

Office Hours:

Tuesday - 9am - 4pm
Wednesday - 9am-4pm
Friday - 9am-12pm
(CLOSED MONDAYS & THURSDAYS)

Parish Priest

Fr Paul Cahill, OCarm

Parish Secretary

Cathy Garbellini

Pastoral Associate

Kelly McEnhill

Business Finance Manager

Mark Zanon

Sacramental Co-Ordinators

Baptism - Vacant
First Reconciliation - Sally Diserio
First Eucharist - Aimee Nguyen
Confirmation - Sally Diserio

Safeguarding Officer

Frances Correa

Maintenance Manager

Dave Fletcher

Galilee Regional Catholic

Primary School

Bank Street, South Melbourne 3205
Telephone 03 9699 2928

THIS WEEK

Monday 9 September

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 10 September

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 11 September

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 12 September

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 13 September

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 14 September

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

5.00pm Vigil Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 15 September

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Patrick Achiam, Deepa Ariff, Lawrence Bassett, Maurizio Bonizzoni, Dorina Butera, Grace Callaghan, Shirley Callaghan, Rita Colli, Mary Hong Cao, Mary Tam Cao, Shawn Ceasar, Robert Chaminda, Mrs Chan, Josephine Clayton, Daphnie Cramer, Grace Cumming, Mary Dalli, Michael De Nittis, Anthony Dickason, Maureen Dickason, Leonie Dimes, Bernadette Falckh, Gigi Falk, Lyn Falk, Maria Fatima, Rebecca Fernando, Tony Fernandez, Father Des Fitzgerald CSSR, Jill Foster, John Fuller, Gus Gleason, John Goral, Amelia Grace, Evelen Greach, George Grzyb, Nova Hack, Bernardine Hagan, Christine Hall, Shawn Handricks, Lincoln Hanland, Darren Harland, Chin Hsia, Portia Hendrick, Carol Higginson, Jason Ho, Steph Hudson, Marija Jelinic, Sr Martin Jones, Teresa Kwol, Paul Chan Yin Leung, Margaret Lopes, Austin Lorraine, Les Lugowski, Christine Lyell, Coco McMaster, Maria Teresa Marques, Robert Masquieren, Ian MacLachlan, Maggie McKern, Marta Menjivar, Alba Middleton, Maria Loc Nguyen, Paul Nghi Cao Thanh, Caterina Orfanidis, Barry Paff, Dan Quickley, Helen Quickley, Rafal Rafakski, Daphnie Rasika, Shawn Raymond, Jill Ridge, Michael Risteviski, Dennis Rohan, Clara Romeo, Keith Ryder, Chris Silkok, Ailbe Sheehy, Frances Sheehy, Sash Carti Somerset-Beauverie, Dorothea Spencer, Jim Sullivan, Danielle Szeto, Diane Thakur, Angela Triglar, Ria Van Lith, Julieanne Wharton & Tami Yap.

Those who have died recently: Edgardo Baltero, Peter Libbis

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Sr Anne Boyd, Rom Brady, Sr Geraldine Stapleton & Carmelite James De Laurier.

IN OUR PARISH



Happy Belated 91st Birthday

Ida Grieco

a faithful & long time parishioner of Our Lady of Mount Carmel who celebrated her birthday last Monday. We wish you good health & happiness!

Happy 90th Birthday

Alan Tyrrell

another faithful & long time parishioner of Our Lady of Mount Carmel who celebrates his milestone birthday next week.

We wish you good health & happiness!



Next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 10 September 2024** at 7.30pm in the Boardroom at the Parish Office, 274 Rouse Street, Port Melbourne.

New members are welcome.

Should you wish to contact a Vinnies representative, please call Kathy Mount on 0437 588 855 or Pauline Semmens 0425 854 691.

Wanted - Vinnies have a 61 yo male client whose garden is in need of maintenance. He is willing to do the work himself but just needs the tools.

If you have a spare **lawn mower** or **whipper snipper** you no longer need, can you please contact Joan Cusack on 0478 224 624. Thankyou for considering this request.

THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend

Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes	\$ 315.00
Credit Card	\$ 705.00
Direct Credit	\$ 951.35
Loose Plate	\$ 1,057.65
Tap & Go	\$ 265.00
Total	\$3,294.00



MINISTRIES

14-15 September 2024

24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Tris Tanumihardjo

Reader: Mary Chow

Offertory: Tris Tanumihardjo

Communion: Joe Chow

Sacristan: Tris Tanumihardjo

Music: Janine Brodie

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Lis Northam

Reader: Will Kininmonth

Offertory: Terry Gurry

Communion: Pablo Craievich

Counters: Ron & Sandra Cassano

Music: Elaine Chaffer

Hospitality: Cathy Garbellini

Sacristan: Rob Winduss

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Denis Churkovich

Reader: Michael Rudov

Offertory: Sr. Reba Woodwiss

Communion: John Molnar

Music: Organist / Cantor

Hospitality: Peter Thomas

Sacristan: Peter Russo

Communion to the Sick:

Kathy Mount : 16 – 22 Sep

DONATIONS

Parish QR code

Enter the amount, your name, email address & optionally any comment.

Electronic Funds Transfer

BSB: 083-347

Account No: 58 216 8515

Name: Port Melb / Middle Park Parish

Parish Website: www.sj-mc.org.au
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to us, but this is not the case to many in the broader community. It also points to information about Mass times. Again, many thanks to a generous parishioner.

Reflection

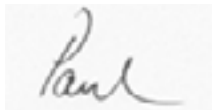
This weekend's Readings all speak to a theme of God's liberating, life giving presence and action in our lives and our call to reflect this characteristic of God in our relationships with one another. The prophecy of Isaiah in the 1st Reading that the foreshadowed Messiah will "open the eyes of the blind and unseal the ears of the deaf... (and loosen) the tongues of the dumb" is confirmed in the Gospel Reading about Jesus curing the deaf and dumb man. This miracle, we are told, occurs in the "Decapolis region"- a predominantly non-Jewish area. It demonstrates that the liberating, life-giving action of Jesus is offered to all – Jews and non-Jews alike.

The Psalmist waxes lyrical in the Responsorial Psalm about the Lord "who is just to those who are oppressed ... who gives bread to the hungry ... who sets prisoners free ... who gives sight to the blind ... who protects the stranger ... who upholds the widow and orphan". These actions of God are all liberating actions, opening people, who are otherwise ostracized from society, to the fullness of life. And in the 2nd Reading, St James gives very explicit instruction to his community that they need to show respect and offer hospitality and welcome to all sorts of people, irrespective of class, social status, wealth and appearance. Drawing on St Paul, we can add gender, race and religion.

God invites all of us to rejoice in the gift we celebrate in the Baptism ceremony when, echoing the "opening" of the ears and mouth of the deaf and dumb man of the Gospel, the celebrant touches the ears and mouth of the person being baptised and prays, 'May the Lord Jesus soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father.'

As liberated people, with our ears and mouths opened, may we reach out to others, without distinction, in the liberating, life-giving spirit of God in us.

Blessings.



IN OUR PARISH (CONTINUED)



Welcome to our Family

This Sunday, we welcome: **Steele & Sai Schiavello** as the boys receive the Sacrament of Baptism at Our Lady of Mt Carmel. Please keep them, their parents, godparents & family in your prayers.

Save the date Parish Men's Dinner Wednesday, 25 September 2024

Please note that this dinner is a **week later** than the Ladies Dinner this month.

Parish Ladies Dinner

Our next dinner is **Wednesday, 18 September 2024, 6.00pm** at **Clare Castle Hotel, Port Melbourne.** Meal and drinks at each lady's expense.

To RSVP, please contact Elaine Chaffer via:
SMS to: 0400 110 502
Email: laineyp14@gmail.com

Numbers are capped at 20;
book early to avoid disappointment.
All welcome !

SEASON OF CREATION

The **Season of Creation**, an ecumenical initiative also promoted by **Pope Francis**, runs from **1 September to 4 October (Feast of St Francis of Assisi)**. The theme for 2024 is **To hope and act with Creation**



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

May we grow in our understanding and awareness of the gift of creation and in our commitment to hear and respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

THE CARMELITE CENTRE MELBOURNE

The **September 2024 Newsletter** is available via the following website link:
<https://www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org/>

Some upcoming Carmelite Centre events that are available in person or online include:

WEEKLY

~ **Prayer Meditation** every Tuesday 5pm on zoom

~ **Meditation** every Thursday 7pm in the Malone room

~ **Lectio Divina** every Friday 10am on zoom

MONTHLY

~ **Monthly Gathering** - Friday 27 September, 11.30am - 1.00pm in the Library.

SHORT-STAY ACCOMMODATION

The parish has received a request for 4-5 days accommodation in late November - early December 2024:

My name is Maureen and I am a 65 yo Christian female living in Oamaru, (between Dunedin and Christchurch), New Zealand who enjoys part-time work in a local aged care facility.

My son and his wife live in Lyons St, Port Melbourne and are expecting their first baby in October.

I wish to visit them in late Nov - early Dec 2024 for 4-5 nights to meet my first grandchild: but I would prefer not to stay with them in their small flat. I am unable to find any suitable accommodation for one person that's reasonably priced and close to Port Melbourne.

I'm wondering if any parishioners (close to Port Melbourne) would be willing to have a paying boarder (dates are yet to be confirmed).

I am honest, respectful, a non-smoker, am clean living and will provide my own meals. I am happy to provide references.

I will be spending most of the daytime away from my accommodation, so I basically just require a bed and a shower (I'm happy to share a family bathroom).

If you can help me, I'd be very appreciative and happy to video chat to discuss options further.

If anyone is willing to consider Maureen's request, please contact the parish office (parish@sj-mc.org.au) for her contact details.

REFLECTION

Loosening the ligaments

Just before this story of the healing of the Gentile man Mark has told the story of the healing of the daughter of a Gentile woman. God's love and care for all people, not only the Jews, is made clear in these miracle stories.

Healing stories in the Gospel are not told to prove Jesus is the Messiah or the Son of God. The Gospels were written to teach would-be disciples how to live in the tradition of Jesus. The healing stories in the Gospel are about liberation, restoration and transformation, not just about the healing of a medical complaint.

Because of COVID lockdowns and travel restrictions many experienced a sense of isolation. Even with the benefits of modern technology and social media we can still feel cut off from those dear to us, unable to leave our homes, go to work, meet up with friends. We share something of the experience of the man in this Sunday's Gospel. He cannot hear, and cannot speak properly. Living in the ancient world that must have been a profoundly isolating, frightening and frustrating experience for him.

As Jesus and his disciples travel through Gentile territory people bring him a man who is deaf and cannot speak properly. Without the power of communication, the man is socially isolated. The people ask Jesus to lay a hand on the man. There were many travelling healers at that time, so the people's request does not imply that they know who Jesus really is, only perhaps his reputation as a healer.

Jesus takes the man aside, away from the crowd, puts his fingers into the man's ears and touches his tongue with spittle. Both are deeply intimate gestures and somewhat confronting. I wonder what it must have been like to be that man. How much did he understand about what Jesus was doing? Being deaf, did he even know what the crowd had asked Jesus to do for him?

Jesus looks up to heaven, sighs and says 'Ephphatha,' – 'Be opened!' All at once the man can hear and speak clearly. The man's social isolation is ended. Now he can enter fully into relationship with other people. The man rejoices, the people rejoice and, even though Jesus asks them not to, they tell the story everywhere.

In telling this story Mark seem to suggest that without the intimate, healing touch of Jesus we remain deaf both to the voice of God and the cries of others, and unable to enter fully into relationship with either. We remain closed and crippled within ourselves, unable to hear the Word of God or pass it on to others. But once touched by the power and spirit of Jesus we are opened to the Word made flesh and God's vision for human life. Our inner ligaments, the things that once choked the Life within us, begin to be loosened and we begin to speak clearly of God's loving concern for all humanity in every word and action.

David Hofman, O.Carm. Celebrating at Home, Carmelite Communications, Melbourne

OUR LITURGY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: SEEK YE FIRST

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, Alleluia

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia

GLORIA

DAN SCHUTTE

Refrain **Glory to God, glory to God**
Glory to God in the highest
And on Earth, peace on Earth
Peace to people of goodwill

We praise You, we bless You
We adore You, we glorify You
We give You thanks for Your great glory
Lord God, Heavenly King
O God, almighty Father

Refrain

Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer
You are seated at the right hand, the right of the Father
Have mercy on us

Refrain

For You alone are the Holy One
You alone are the Lord
You alone are the Most High Jesus Christ
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father **Refrain**

Amen, amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - PSALM 146 - PRAISE THE LORD, MY SOUL!

Response: Praise the Lord, my soul, Praise the Lord, my soul!

The Lord keeps faith forever,
secures justice, justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets captives free.

Response

The LORD gives sight to the blind;
the LORD raises up those who were bowed down.
The LORD loves the just;
the LORD protects strangers.

Response

Response: Praise the Lord, my soul, Praise the Lord, my soul!

The fatherless and the widow he sustains,
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.
The LORD shall reign forever;
your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia. **Response**

SECOND READING

James 2:1-5

My sisters and brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose someone comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor person comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed person, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor one, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear sisters and brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely

they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'



APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY: ON EAGLE'S WINGS

MICHAEL JONCAS

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
Who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

**Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand.**

For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways
Upon their hands they will bear you up
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. **Refrain**

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church. Amen.**

Cel: The Lord be with you. **All: And with your Spirit.**

Cel: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Cel: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **All: It is right and just.**

HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of host
Heaven and earth are full
Are full of Your glory
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes
Who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again, until you come again.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Cel: Behold the Lamb of God.
Behold him who takes away the sins of the World.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All: Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION HYMN:

WE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

MICHAEL JONAS

Blessed are they who are poor in spirit, Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spirit; Bless us, O Lord, our God

**Refrain: We are the light of the world; may our light shine before all,
that they may see the good that we do, and give glory to God.**

Blessed are they who are meek and humble, They will inherit the earth
Bless us, O Lord, make us meek and humble; Bless us, O Lord, our God
Refrain

Blessed are they who will mourn in sorrow, They will be comforted
Bless us, O Lord, when we share their sorrow; Bless us, O Lord, our God
Refrain

Blessed are they who bring peace among us, They are the children of God
Bless us, O Lord, may your peace be with us; Bless us, O Lord, our God
Refrain

RECESSIONAL HYMN: SING A NEW SONG

Refrain: Sing a new song unto the Lord
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.

Yahweh's people dance for joy.
O come before the Lord.
And play for him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound. **Refrain**

Rise, O children, from your sleep
your Savior now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song. **Refrain**

Glad my soul for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds the dead shall be raised.
I know my Saviour lives. **Refrain**

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BASP - JUSTICE FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS & REFUGEES

An **ONLINE AUCTION** is being held this weekend to raise money for BASP (Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project). Flyers are available to take home at the back of the church with the details of how to participate.

The auction began on **Friday 6 September, at 5pm** and ends on **Sunday, 8 September at 5pm.**

We invite parishioners to participate in this wonderful Fundraising initiative.



A **POSTCARD** drive is being held to advocate for justice for asylum seekers and refugees who have been in limbo for 12 years without visas.

We encourage parishioners & supporters to send a card to:

Tony Burke
Minister for Immigration & Home Affairs
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra, ACT. 2600

SAFE-GUARDING SUNDAY - 8 SEPTEMBER

This year's themes are **"Every child in every community needs a fair go"** and **"One Talk at a Time"**.

Conversations are a valuable tool when speaking with children and young people about their relationships with others. In good relationships they feel comfortable and loved but sometimes it is evident that those feelings are not present. It is right for the alert listener to say: "that isn't ok"

A **Converation Toolkit** has been designed to help adults have preventive conversations about child sexual abuse with children and young people. See link below with helpful tips and resources for these conversations.

<https://www.childsafety.gov.au/about-child-sexual-abuse/having-conversations/having-conversations-children-and-young-people>



Together though awareness, conversation and prayer, we can build a safer, more supportive community for our children and young people who all deserve a fair go.

**THE PARISH OF PORT MELBOURNE AND MIDDLE PARK
IS COMMITTED TO THE SAFETY,
WELLBEING AND DIGNITY OF ALL CHILDREN,
YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS.**